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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - HAITI

On July 30, center-left "Diario Siete" (circ. 23,000) ran an editorial by Defense Ministry of Chile international analyst Maria Ines Ruz entitled, "Haiti: Chile Was and Is There When Needed." Quotes:

"There is consensus that Haiti's structural poverty and institutional problems have no short-term solutions and that issues of political stability and future governance in that country cannot be resolved without international aid.... Social and economic growth in Haiti, and even the survival of its people, depend to a large degree on the effort that is being made to fulfill the goals set by the UN.... The goals and targets of the mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) have to do not only with disarming groups and protecting civilians, but more importantly with guaranteeing the peace and stability that will enable Haitians themselves to set their future.... Haiti is not alone. 37 countries and 6,841 soldiers have sealed a commitment that ties them to the future of eight million Haitians in this international solidarity initiative."

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